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In re Patent Application of:

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For: GELATIN-FREE, ISOMALTULOSE-CONTAINING SOFT CARAMEL

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please further amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

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